

# CAPE SHORE NEWS NOT VERY BRIGHT

**Part of Fleet Harbored at Canso Poorly Fished—Porgy Boats Still Slay Tinker Schools—Land 1150 Barrels This Morning.**

Dispatches reaching Boston yesterday from Canso, N. S., state that part of the fleet of seiners were there Wednesday, but only one of them, Ch. Nellie Dixon, however, had any fresh fish, the craft hauling for 2000 fresh mackerel.

Two others, schs. Esperanto and Annie A. Smith, had some salt mackerel on board, while schs. Pythian and Lata had not taken a fish.

From Halifax it was reported that 7,000 fish were placed on the market Wednesday and 20,000 were due, taken along the western coast. Dogfish reported to be bothering the fishermen considerably.

## More Big Catches at Newport.

At Newport, the porgy fishermen continue to find them, 1150 barrels of tinkers being in there this morning.

The arrivals in detail are:

Sch. Murray, 300 barrels tinkers.  
Sch. Edwards, 150 barrels tinkers.  
Sch. Alaska, 150 barrels tinkers.  
Sch. East Hampton, 300 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. George Curtis, 250 bbls. tinkers.  
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 1700 fresh mackerel.

Two netting fares are also in at Newport this morning, the first of the season.

## Fine Cape Shore Stock.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank Hall, stocked \$4466 and the crew of 9 men shared \$91 as a result of her recent Cape Shore trip and also one landed in New York May 3.

## Had Good Season South.

Sch. Hockomock returned from her

## Using Lots of Motors.

Says the St. John's Trade Review: The trade in small marine motors has been very lively in the last two weeks, and it looks as if every fisherman in the country will own a motor-propelled boat in a year or two. There has been a great deal of twine bought this spring for mending and repairing, but very few cod traps have been purchased. It would appear from present indications that the fishermen will go on using their old cod-traps as long as they can keep them from falling apart, but they will drop them as soon as they are worn out.

southern mackerel netting trip this morning, having 500 fresh mackerel on board. The crew has shared \$230 apiece up to date.

## Poor Mackerel Hauls at Mulgrave.

Captain McDonald, master of the fishing schooner Elsie McDonald, which arrived with 2,200 mackerel at Halifax Tuesday, reported very poor fishing in the vicinity of Port Mulgrave, where he had been setting. He decided to change his position and lowered his nets off Egg Island, making a catch of over two thousand, which were sold to A. Wilson and Son.

Mr. Wilson stated that the rough weather was responsible for the small amounts of mackerel arriving, that only small catches were made during the night and this by netters who were the only ones that appeared to be having any luck. He said that the purse seiners had met with little success, also, on account of the rough weather, as the mackerel would not school. Wilson's fish market also received 2,500 pounds of halibut caught on the western banks. Shipments of halibut and mackerel are expected by the same firm today.

The schooner James L. arrived on what is becoming a regular service between the small fishing boats at Prospect and the North Atlantic Fisheries' wharf. She had 4,000 mackerel to land, all fair sized fish, as were those landed at Wilson's. She also had 1,000 pounds of cod and 100 pounds of salmon.

James Watson, the north end fish dealer, received 2,000 mackerel caught in the vicinity of Dover. Mr. Watson expected 20 to 30 barrels of mackerel on the steamer Oak Leaf today from Shad Bay.

## Have Taken Few Fish.

Very few codfish have been taken hereabout, to date, but further north, especially in Bonavista Bay, small lots have been taken in traps, says the St. John's Trade Review. Fishermen about St. John's are too busy outfitting for the regular voyage, to waste their time picking up the few odd fish likely to be taken on the local ledges at present. Besides this, the weather has been backward and winds high to date, and most men do not care to venture out in small boats under these conditions.

# SEEMS A SHAME TO CATCH THEM

**Tinker Schools As Far As Eye Can Reach off Newport—Worth Nothing Fresh in Glutted Market—Some Crafts Salting.**

Large rafts of tinker mackerel, covering acres and acres as far as one's eye can see are schooling off Newport, incoming fishermen report and yesterday over 2000 barrels were landed there. The fishermen can get no price for them, however, the fish selling at \$2 a barrel, when a buyer could be found, while a large number spoiled on the hands of the catchers.

Nothing like it in years has been seen and the advent of small fish is taken as an omen that they will be seen all along the coast during the summer. But while there are thousands of barrels schooling, the strange part of the situation is that there is no market or buyers for them. Boston was glutted with tinker mackerel this morning, some 900 barrels being received, while at New York, the dealers have more than they can handle.

## Local Concerns Alive.

Taking advantage of the situation the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company have commenced to buy them up to salt and have gangs of men at Newport splitting the fish as fast as they are landed. The mackerel run about three-fourths of a pound each and have been dressed quickly to prevent them from spoiling. The Gorton-Pew Company has a force of 21 hands at work and the Gloucester Mackerel Company 12 men.

The porgy steamers, which are making the largest hauls, are passing up the mackerel, when they see a school of porgies. So certain are the owners of getting a trip of mackerel, that they are to go out and reckon that

they will be back at a certain hour to supply orders. True to the appointment the boats are back, filled to the brim, with the fish still kicking on deck. No effort is made to ice them or put them away in the holds, the fish being bailed on deck and covered with a canvass, and on arriving at the dock are shovelled off.

One well known dealer here who visited Newport yesterday, said he was satisfied that it was no place for a small boat, just at the present time at least. With the bottom out of the fresh market, there was but one thing for the fishermen to do, namely to salt them. Two schooners are out there now, sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Mallack, who took a big school yesterday and salted them, and sch. Rob Roy.

## Ship Fresh Fish Here For the Knife.

A carload shipment of fresh tinkers from Newport yesterday reached here, 100 barrels being for the Cunningham & Thompson Company and 20 barrels for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

## Arrivals at Newport.

These arrivals were reported at Newport this morning:

Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, 275 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Alaska, 200 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Addie Wilcox, 200 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Portland, 250 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Moran, 200 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. George E. Hudson, 150 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Mason, 200 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. George Curtis, 75 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Murray, 200 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Little Fannie, 150 bbls. tinkers.

Sch. Nautilus, 1250 fresh mackerel.

## Pensacola Fishing News.

Fish receipts for the week ending Saturday were lighter than has been the case in several months. This was due to the fact that only five crafts arrived. Most of the vessels are out and as many of them are due this week it is expected the receipts next week will be large.

The crafts to arrive last week and their respective catches were as follows:

	Pounds	Pounds
	Snappers	Groupers
Emily Cooney	19,010	3,345
Ea. Em	3,135	805
Ariola	19,880	950
Wallace McDonald	5,195	1,450
Galatea	3,390	545

# ANOTHER BIG GEORGES STOCK

Sch. Pauline, Capt. Nels Larsen, of the Gorton-Pew fleet of Georgesmen, stocked \$2146.13 as a result of her recent handline trip. The high line share was \$87.49 and the cook's share \$116.72.



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# ARE GETTING LOTS OF WHITING

## Little Breakfast Fish Were Swarming Inside Break- water Yesterday.

Herring and whiting were landed in good sized quantities here yesterday afternoon, going to the firms to salt. Between 300 and 400 barrels of herring came in, selling at \$1.75 a barrel, although one lot brought as high as \$2.

Whiting, or old England hake are swarming inside the breakwater. Yesterday, William E. McDonald, Capt. Patrick Murphy, and others took a small seine and took 100 barrels in no time. The fish sold to the splitters at 60 cents a barrel.

Down from Boston yesterday afternoon, sch. Preceptor brought her salt cod fare. This morning sch. Jeanette arrived with 80,000 pounds fresh fish and 2500 pounds halibut.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Preceptor, via Boston, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Lydia, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Doris, seining, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Bessie A., seining, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Independence, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Alice, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Scala, seining, 45 bbls. fresh herring.

Traps and boats, 250 bbls. whiting.

Italian boats, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jeanette, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2500 lbs fresh halibut.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, fresh drifting.

Sch. Thalia, fresh drifting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Drift cod, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10 per hit bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium,

\$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.10.

Small pollock, 75c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 8c per lb. for white and 5c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 11c per lb.

## SCH. ADELINE HAS BIG FARE

### Only Craft at New Pier Did Not Take off Her Hatches.

Business was dull, extremely dull at the new fish pier this morning, the only arrival being sch. Adeline with 100,000 pounds fresh cod and 2000 pounds halibut. On account of the market, the craft took out only her halibut fare, selling them at 12 cents a pound. There were no sales of ground fish.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Adeline, 100,000 cod, 2000 halibut.

Halibut 12 cents for white and gray.

## BLAMES US FOR BOSTON TROUBLE

Read this from the Fishing Gazette, which says editorially:

"The internal troubles of the fish merchants of the new Boston fish pier is evidently the result of the fostering of trouble by interested persons in Gloucester's future welfare, for rumors are current that Gloucester is making a bid for the fresh fish business lost years ago by the shortsightedness of some of her fish merchants. They were too sure of their position. They have realized their mistake for years, and now think they see an opportunity to regain a part of their old position, if not the whole, as a fishing port. It is too late, for Portland is also a factor, and will continue as such."

It would be interesting to know from whence the Gazette derived its information. As far as we know, no Gloucester fish merchant, vessel owners or any directly interested in the fish business have any financial concern in the T wharf project.

The nearest approach to this, is a Gloucester business man, who is manager of a fleet of Boston fishing vessels is one of the directors of the new concern.

# PALM SKATE FOR CHICKEN

"Even the humble skate has its uses," said the fisherman. "We used to chuck it overboard with never a thought it was worth while saving for the few Italians who bought it and used the saddle of the fish for food, says the New York Sun.

"But now it is different. The skate has risen in the social scale and takes its place alongside real food. In fact, it has got into the recherche class, and that's going some for the most despised of fishes, the one hated by the pound fishers next to the porpoise and sturgeon as a net wrecker.

"Chicken croquettes and chicken creole and the high price of veal have brought about the change.

"You see, people's appetites got educated in the flush times and chicken croquettes took the place of cornbeef hash in the stand-up-and-eat-it houses. Veal was scarce and the feederies couldn't use that for chickens, while real chicken was out of the question.

"One day some fellow told the proprietor of one of these eateries that you couldn't tell saddle of skate from fowl. He cooked some, tried it and concluded it was pretty fair substitute for the cold storage bird.

"With a lot of seasoning, such as they put in the croquette a la creole chicken, it takes a pretty smart man to tell where the chicken begins and the seasoning ends.

"In chicken marengo no one can do it unless he demands the flesh on the bones. Get a dish of fancy chicken that the bones don't have to show in and skate makes a pretty fair substitute.

"That's why the skate has risen in the social scale and why the fisherman looks on the skate as his friend. Fetch good prices nowadays and the demand is bigger than the supply.

"So we don't use them for fertilizers any more, and I expect there will be a good demand from the canneries for them pooty soon, as they say that served half and half they make pooty fair crab flakes."

## SPRING CATCH OF LUNENBURGERS

The following bankers are in at Lunenburg, the spring trip with their respective catches:

	qts.
James Burton Cook, A. Cook	1400
Clintonia, Mack	975
Cecil L. Beck, A. Beck	850
Phyllis Westhaver, Westhaver	700
Carrie L. Hirtle, Hirtle	500
Vera Himmelman, Conrad	550
W. H. Smith, Naas	450
Uda A. Saunders, W. Spindler	450
M. M. Gardener, Backman	500
Wm. C. Smith, Selig	400
W. T. Wight, L. Knock	500
Lottie A. Silver, Silver	300
Eva June, Schnare	300
Araminta, Creaser	400
Muriel Walters, Walters	300
Mary and Mildred, Conrad	200

### Portland Fishing News

The first trip of mackerel of the season to come into this port arrived here Thursday, when Capt. Charles Deering, in his small hampton tied up at Sargent's fish concern, took out about 80 pounds of the fish. Capt. Deering does his fishing with a drag net, and the mackerel was caught off Cod ledge. They were large specimens and the first to be landed at Portland.

Thursday was another good day for the herring fishing fleet, and not quite 1000 barrels of the fish were taken at the Portland and Central Wharf Cold Storage Co.'s. The Georgie was the high liner for the day with 185 barrels in her holds, while the steamer Elthier was a close second with 140 barrels, the steamer coming into port with her holds chock full, her decks covered with the fish. The steamer Pet also came in with a large fare, having about 100 barrels. The rest of the fleet came in with ordinary trips.

Another beam trawler was in Thursday, the steamer Foam bringing in a fare of 75,000 pounds of fish to the Burnham & Morrill factory, while the third steamer that has unloaded there this week, while a fourth was expected soon. Capt. Hayes of the Foam reports while on Georges a week ago was in company with the schooner Valkyrie, which had been out on a six weeks' trip, and was on her way to New Bedford. The mackerel whaler came on board the steamer to get his location, and reported that his captain had been seriously ill for several days and he was anxious to get to New Bedford as soon as possible in order to procure medical assistance. Otherwise than that the Valkyrie was all right, being well stocked with provisions and in no need of assistance.

## CAPT. COLSON LANDED

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney left Portland Harbor this morning in command of sch. Natalie Hammond for this trip out halibuting. Hammond took on bait and left Boothbay yesterday, but on account of the illness of Capt. Charles Colson, skipper, did not sail with the Natalie. The latter will go to the hospital for treatment.

### Going to Newfoundland.

Sch. Meteor will go to Newfoundland on a trading trip for the Boston-Pew Fisheries Company in command of Capt. Young.

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### Salt Fish Market Not Active

Unusual sluggishness has marked the week's activity, or more correctly, of activity, in salt fish says the Fishing Gazette. On every hand the waiting policy obtains and the market is somewhat dull. This condition, however, is no more than is to be expected at this season, although the situation might be worse. Stocks are rather low and prices, though high, are not